

Salt Lake Donated Dental Services



Oral disease is
the fourth most
expensive
disease to treat
in the world.

–The World Health Report 2003, The
World Health Organization





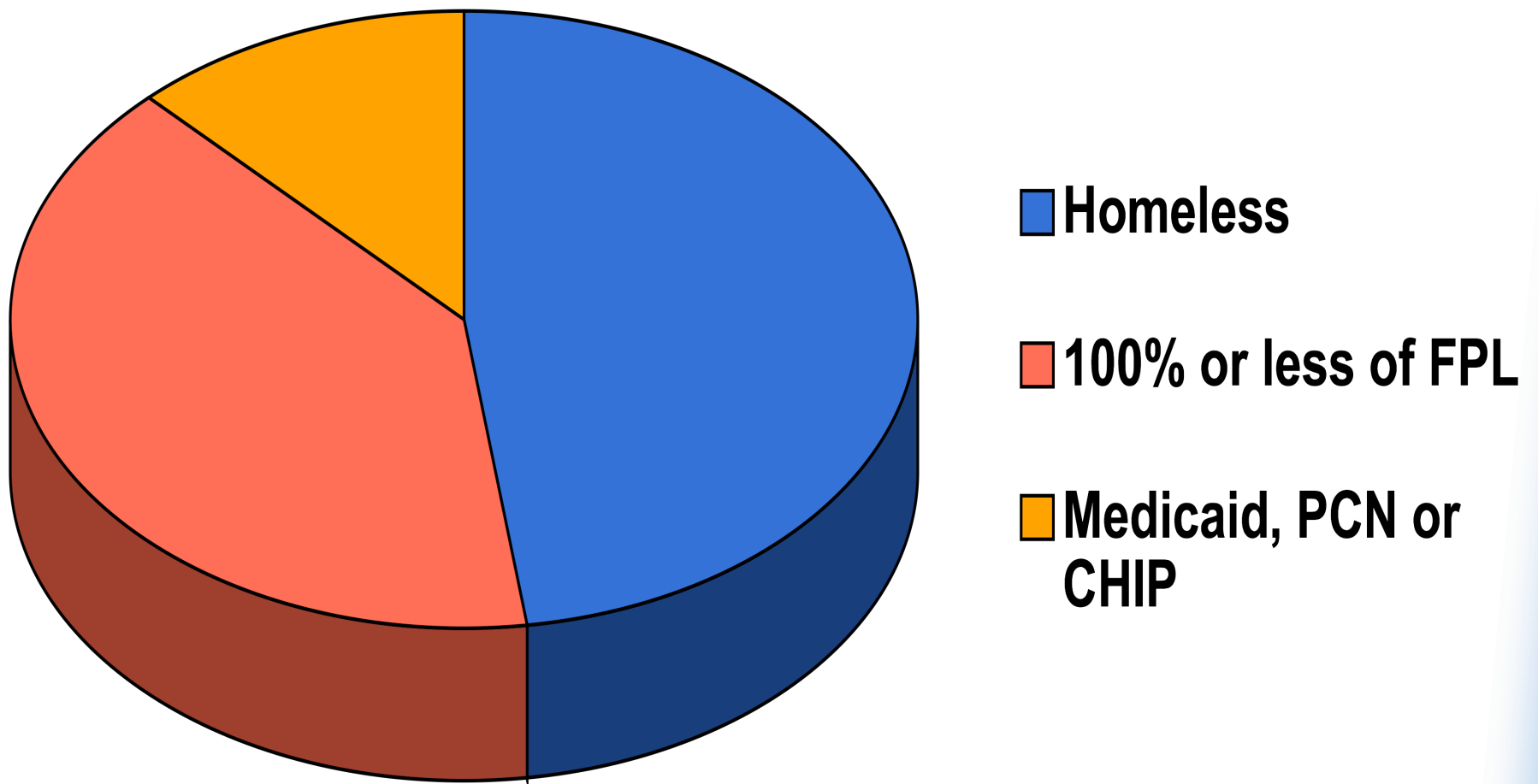
Founded in 1990
by local dentist,
Dr. Ralph
Montgomery

Mission Statement

To relieve dental pain and suffering while preserving the oral health through preventative education and restorative treatment for those with no other access to dental care.

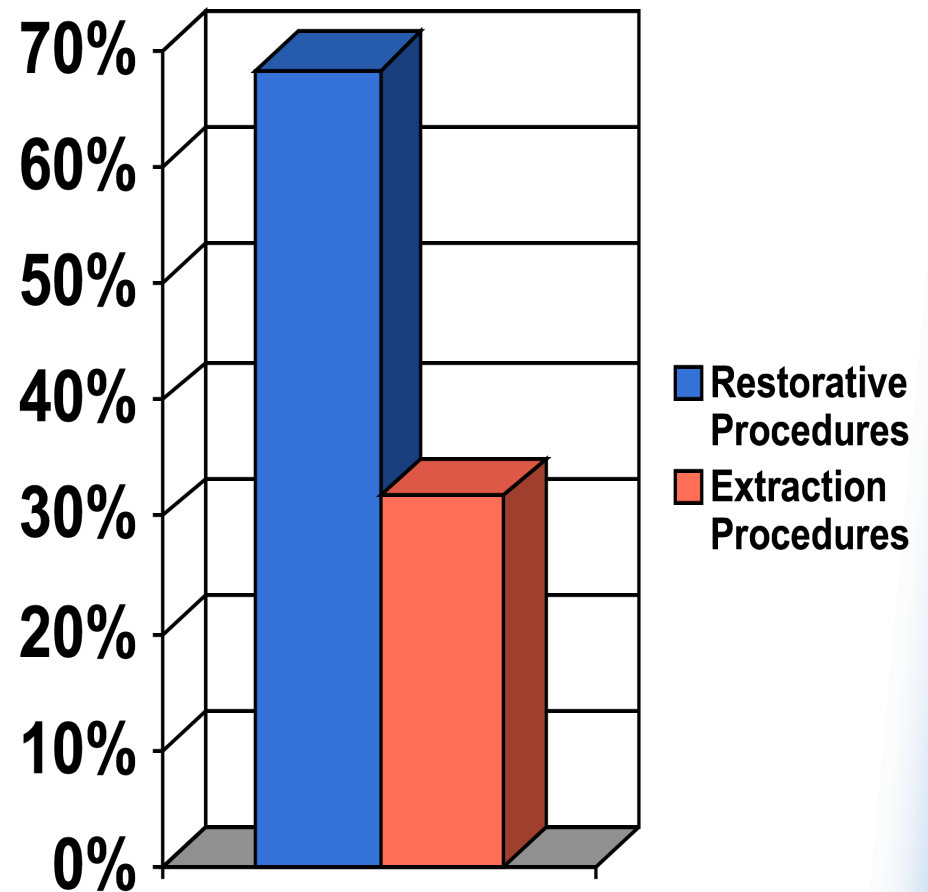


Who do we serve?



Types of Services Donated at SLDDDS

- 13,322 procedures donated in 2006
- At each visit, patients receive an average of \$246 in dental services



**Last year volunteer dentists donated
\$835,238 in dental services at SLDDS**



Access Issues for the Community





- U.S. Census reports 97,845 individuals living below the poverty level in Salt Lake County (U.S. Census Bureau Report, 2003)
- In FY2006, Medicaid had 287,559 individuals enrolled, only 90,170 recipients received at least one dental service (Utah Division of Health Care Financing, 2007)



- Salt Lake County has nine dental safety nets
- Seven of those agencies only accept patients with Medicaid, PCN, or CHIP
- All of the agencies are presently serving at capacity
- Salt Lake Donated Dental Services must turn away one person for every patient treated

Coordinated Dental Access System Project (CDAS)



CDAS Agencies

- Utah Department of Health
- Utah Dental Association
- Health Access Project (HAP)
- Salt Lake Donated Dental Services
- Inner City Mission
- Family Dental Plan
- Sealants for Smiles
- Community Health Connect
- Salt Lake District Dental Society's Give Kids a Smile program

Project Objectives:

- Expand the network of dentists volunteering services
- Increase access for the homeless and indigent to dental care
- Increase the utilization of Medicaid and CHIP
- Provide an opportunity for early diagnosis and preventative education



CDAS Projects

Ongoing projects:

- Coordinate volunteer recruitment efforts
- Educate the dental community on the importance of volunteerism
- Publish the Salt Lake County Dental Resource Guide on an annual basis

Presently working on:

- Malpractice coverage for medical and dental professionals volunteering at safety net clinics
- Volunteer dental professionals earning CE credits for time spent volunteering at low income clinics





“If everyone gave a little, no one would have to give a lot”

